

# The Golden Spike

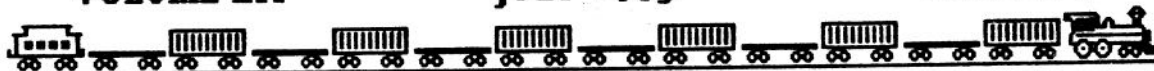


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## TIMETABLE

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### WORK DAY

Saturday, July 20, 1985 at the track.

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Monthly Meeting: Friday, July 19, 1985 @7:30 PM at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). The Buffet Car will be hosted by Marilyn Dreves and Frances Quiring. The program for the evening is undecided at this time.

### RUN DAYS

Friday, July 19: Special Run for Orchard School for the Handicapped. Approximately 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 21: Regular run day.

Next Board meeting: August 6, 1985 at Dick and Lori Esselbach's.

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### COMING EVENTS

August 2,3,4, 1985: Tehachapi Live Steamers (formerly Colorado & Southern Railroad of Tehachapi) Annual Meet. For more information contact Harry Hass @ (805)-822-6514.

August 25, 1985: Special Run at Paul and Barbara Quiring's Butte County Railroad, Chico, CA. Potluck at 1 P.M.

Please Note: The August 25<sup>th</sup> date for Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Day at Golden Gate Live Steamers in Oakland has been tentatively cancelled at this time due to the conflict with the Chico Run. More information next Newsletter.

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

First things first. A big "Thank You" and congratulations to Joanie, Roger, Randy and Matthew Merkh for the splendid job they did on the June issue of the "Golden Spike", their first as the editors of your club newsletter. Let me stress once again that it is YOUR newsletter and you can and should submit information and news to help make it the very best. Any material for the "Spike" should reach the Merkh's no later than the first Friday of the month.

As published in the June newsletter, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July was scheduled as a 4-Day Run. Actually, it was to be 4 days of running trains and working on our facilities. The simmering heat on the 4<sup>th</sup> did not stop the steady flow of passengers through the portals of our station. Our planned July 5<sup>th</sup> Run for the Blind Children did not materialize as the guests of honor did not show up. The plan originally was to work until noon and then welcome our guests. A VERY SMALL crew showed up to work, but even with the heat (106) we managed to get a good start on the revised design for the Maintenance Building. Since Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> was not a holiday for most members, we were not too disappointed in the small turnout on Friday. We figured that since Saturday was also published as a Work/Run Day, we counted on a good turnout. Once again a VERY SMALL crew (approximately 10 workers) braved the heat and made good progress on the building. All of this leads to that same old song about YOUR club needing YOUR help. Where is everybody when the work needs doing???? With just 3 or 4 more working members on Saturday, the plywood sheathing would have been completed and the Maintenance Building would have been ready for it's metal exterior. We still need your help. On July 9<sup>th</sup> we have a verified, firm commitment to provide train rides for the Orchard School For the Handicapped. We will need people to help load and unload passengers, as well as train crews, questions answered and for general good P. R.

I also wish to thank Warren Sharratt and his two teen-agers for generously providing security at the tracksite for all four days and nights. Warren and son Robby were hard at work early each day before the official start time and again after everyone else had left. This is well beyond the expected amount of help from any member. "Thank You", Warren!

While acknowledging those members serving above and beyond expectations, it is also fitting to mention that our very capable treasurer, Stan Hindsley, is still hard at work dealing with the I.R.S. As Stan continues wading through the heaps of forms and listening to bureaucratic double talk, we are moving slowly but steadily closer to becoming a "Tax Exempt" organization. Stan has spent many long days researching and answering the questions on the forms and several sleepless nights worrying about what they will want next.

One of our newer members, John Simmon and his family from Perris, California, generously devoted two days of their "Oregon" Vacation to spend some time running and working at our track. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, John was a key figure of the small work crew and his help was greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Dennis Gramith

## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

Morris E. Dunn and his wife Mildred, 4260-69th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Phone 454-4643. Their children are Eric Elliott (14) and Tara (10).

John V. Scammon, Jr. and his wife Donna, 29786 Wengler Hill Road, Shingletown, CA 96088.

Rusell Turner and his wife Ellen, 22027 Wabash River, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Phone 638-4136. Their children are Jeremy (9), Chad (6), Shawn (4) and Kim (2).

Richard Hapiuk, Sr. and his wife Jeannette, P.O. Box 747, Los Molinos, CA 96055. Their children are Lisa (16), Richard, Jr. (14) and Karin (14).

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Address Change: Richard Beaumont, 21475 Spring Ranch Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

**WELCOME BACK:** Kelly Gramith, formerly Associate member, Sgt. Colleen E. Gramith of Frankfurt, Germany has returned to Rancho Cordova and is already actively involved in the Run Days and Work Days. Welcome Home, Kelly!

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED:** SVLS extends their sympathy to Art Buch of Carmichael on the death of his wife, Frances. Frances passed away June 30, 1985 in Carmichael.

## REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

**Work Day Crews:** July 5<sup>th</sup> saw the following people hard at work: Warren Wagner, Dan Woolverton, John, Vickie and Marty Simmon, Matthew Merkh, Warren and Robbie Sharratt, Judy and Dennis Gramith, Eric Dunn. On July 6<sup>th</sup> Robbie and Warren Sharatt, Marilyn and Amandus Drewes, Dan Woolverton, Warren Wagner, Haward Shrader, Kelly, Cricket, Judy and Dennis Gramith, Roger and Matthew Merkh, and Dick and Lori Esselbach and family braved the heat and worked hard.

**GGLS Day:** We were pleased to see 13 of our friends from Oakland at our track on June 22. Frances Quiring made a beautiful welcoming cake for them. Yum, yum! Our after dinner entertainment was provided by Dennis Gramith. An uninvited 12 foot snake (well, maybe it was only 2 feet, but it sure seemed like 12 feet) joined us for dessert by the steaming bays and Dennis coaxed him out of the fence on the end of a rake, while Roger Merkh took pictures of the event. Also we had visitors from Portland, Oregon belonging to the Pacific Northwest Live Steamers. Dave, Barbara, Greg, and Troy Middleton.

### Engines and Rolling Stock on GGLS Day (Submitted by Matthew Merkh)

Great turnout on GGLS day. Herman Volz came out with his 4-4-0 and ran both days. Lou Bradas brought his modern 4-4-0 out. Joe Yetter came out with his Daylight and two of his cars. His smooth handling "4433" went smoothy down our track. I was lucky enough to drive this engine and it handles very smooth and well.

### GOLETA RUN DAY: (Information submitted by Don Yungling)

June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> found nine of our club members at the Goleta Track. Four of

their engines also found their way to the track. They were Don Yungling's El Gobernador; Ed Yungling's Cab Forward; Craig Craddock's 4-6-2 Pacific; and Glen Strawn's SD 45T-2. There were bumper to bumper engines running from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A good time was had by all.

**ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS:** John Livesay ordered a Lil Gasser Engine on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and received it 30 days later. He is now in the process of assembling all the parts and we should soon be seeing John and his new engine at our track. He has also purchased a new homemade diesel engine. Congratulations, John! ..... Seems as though Mr. John Bailie is to become one of our most photographed members. He now has his picture appearing in a Folsom City publication operating Milon Thorley's engine in Folsom City Park. That's twice in two month's. Where will his picture appear next month? ..... Be sure you ask our Snack Bar hostess to show you the minature hot dog pin given to her by fellow member Frances Quiring for her birthday. Very appropriate gift, don't you think?

Steam Expo '86

Reprinted from "The Whistle" Publication of the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers.

"Next May, as part of the Expo '86 World's Fair there will be an event called the STEAM EXPO, a ten day celebration of the steam locomotive. Plans call for a number of steam locomotives to visit Vancouver where most will be on display at the south yard by the C.N. terminal. They will then run one day, all together over to the end of the C.P. tracks via the Ramur interchange. This is planned as a major media event and should attract steam enthusiasts from all over the world. So far some 28 locomotives from North America are expected here, to run. Some overseas locos may be shipped in also. Being realistic one or two locos suffering from old age may not be in steam but it should still be the most impressive assembly of iron horses since the '50's."

The dates for the Steam Expo are May 23 to June 1. As more information is received on this I shall pass it along.

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#### FOR SALE

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##### 1 1/2" Scale Items:

1. Sections 1 thru 7 of Little Engines 0-6-0 #91 plus pilot & pony wheels to build it as a 2-6-0 engine. All machine work done by Little Engines. 7 1/2" Gauge. \$600
2. 400 feet of new aluminum rail. \$200.

Both of the above items for \$700. Contact Mr. David Quaschnick, Home phone (916) 652-5286, Business Phone (916) 723-3170.

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**WANTED:** Reporter for SYLS monthly meetings. It was suggested to me that it would be helpful for those unable to attend the monthly meetings to have the main points of the meetings published in our newsletter. If there is anyone who would like to do this and write a short report on the meetings, please contact me. I know the report would be greatly appreciated by many of our members.

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